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## PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT INLET ARRANGEMENT

### REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

#### MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS

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Sir:

Appellant hereby requests an Oral Hearing in the above-identified application before the Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

A check in the amount of \$290.00 for requesting an Oral Hearing is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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